

**Miami-Dade County
Community-Based Organization Advisory Board**

Human and Social Service Community Needs Forums

The Community-Based Organization Advisory Board (the Board), established by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), is charged with the responsibility for determining how County resources for community-based organizations are invested and leveraged and for recommending a strategic "portfolio" of investments to the BCC, including the development of: the overall process for solicitation of proposals and establishment of funding categories and priorities; the Request for Proposals (RFP); an evaluation/monitoring process; and a contracting process.

In support of these efforts and building on prior meetings held to assist in the development of this process, the Board is convening a series of meetings or forums to solicit service provider and public comment regarding all of the above and specifically human and social service community needs. At the meeting, staff from the County's Office of Grants Coordination will provide a brief overview of the Board's progress to date and of preliminary community need data and then the floor will be open for comments. It is in this context that the Board is asking participants to voice your opinions and provide meaningful input as part of this process. Persons wishing to speak may be asked to write their comments at each session, and a time limit for each speaker will be imposed based on total attendance at each session.

Meetings have been scheduled across the county as follows:

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| Sat., Dec. 6th 10 am – 12 noon | Community Forum – Miami Gardens Neighborhood Center
16405 NW 25 th Avenue
Miami Gardens, Florida 33054 |
| Mon., Dec. 8th 6 – 8 pm | Community Forum – South Dade Government Center
10710 SW 211 th Street
Miami, Florida 33157 |
| Tues., Dec. 9th 6 – 8 pm | Community Forum – Caleb Center Auditorium
5400 NW 22 nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33142 |
| Wed., Dec. 10th 6 – 8 pm | Community Forum – Blanche Morton/Hialeah Neighborhood Center
300 E. First Avenue
Hialeah, Florida 33010 |

For persons not able to attend one of the forums, written comments (limited to one typed page) will also be accepted at grants@miamidade.gov. All written comments must be received no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

For more information, please contact Charles Golphin at (305) 514-6055.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in any meeting of the Miami-Dade CBO Advisory Board should contact Mr. Charles Golphin, Miami-Dade County Office of Grants Coordination at (305) 514-6055 no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting.